GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NEW AIR SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Government proposes to start domestic air services to those cities where air services are not available as yet ;

(b) If so, the details of such cities; and

(c) The time bound programme drawn by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c):- The Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North- East Region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.At present scheduled air services are available to/from 73 destinations in the country and the airlines are addition of new stations by the airlines is a continuous process.